

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA  
AT BLUEFIELD

JAMES EDWARD LEWIS,

Plaintiff,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NOS. 1:23-00814  
1:24-00089

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

**MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER**

Trial of these matters is scheduled to begin on July 9, 2025. On June 12, 2025, defendant United States of America filed a Notice in these matters indicating that Lewis, the plaintiff in these matters who is proceeding pro se, sustained a recent injury to his jaw. Said injury required surgery and Lewis's jaw is currently wired shut. Lewis is to be scheduled for a follow-up medical appointment on or about July 4, 2025.

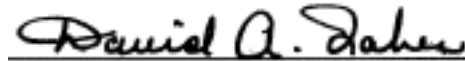
Because plaintiff's ability to effectively represent himself at trial would be hindered if his jaw is wired shut and it is unclear when that situation will be resolved, a brief continuance of the trial in these matters is warranted. Therefore, the trial is **CONTINUED** until August 12, 2025, in Bluefield.

The Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Memorandum Opinion and Order to plaintiff and counsel of record.

COUNSEL FOR THE UNITED STATES IS DIRECTED TO MAKE EFFORTS TO  
HAVE THE BOP INFORM PLAINTIFF OF THE CONTINUANCE AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 23rd day of June, 2025.

ENTER:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David A. Faber", is written over a horizontal line.

David A. Faber

Senior United States District Judge